# Growth Management Strategies

Annexation and Non-Development Agreements

# Growth Management Tools

- Subdivision Regulations (City Limits & ETJ)
  - Provide for
    - Developer Funding of Public Infrastructure
    - Storm Water Mitigation
    - Tree Preservation
  - Does not address:
    - Intensity/Density of Development
    - Development Types or Uses (Zoning)
    - Building Codes
    - Dark Sky Ordinances

# Growth Management Tools

- Zoning Regulations (City Limits Only)
  - Provides:
    - Community review/approval of proposed uses
    - Surrounding/Affected property owner input
- Building Codes (City Limits Only)
  - Provides:
    - Health/Life Safety protections
    - Construction Quality Standards
    - Property Maintenance Standards

# Growth Management Areas

- Within the City Limits
  - Mostly built out (limited frontage along roadways)
  - Due to current City Limits, easy for developers to bypass City regulations by relocating a short distance, or pushing to back of property
- Within the ETJ
  - Mostly undeveloped, or actively being developed
  - Few regulations on new development
  - Most at risk for exploitive/irresponsible growth

# Additional Growth Management Tools

#### Annexation

- Extend the City's Zoning & Building Codes to cover areas with high development potential
  - Allows community input and influence on new developments and appropriate adjacency for land uses
- Non-Annexation/Non-Development Agreements
  - Allows Ag-exempt properties to delay annexation until property development occurs
    - Provides for annexation at the time the owners decide to develop
    - Ranch land stays ranch land, until owner chooses otherwise

## Proposed Annexation Priorities

- No. 1: Annex large tracts of adjacent land with high near-term development potential
  - Ensures quality development
  - Mitigates negative impacts on current residents
- No. 2: Annex commercial properties
  - Ensures quality development
  - Enhances commercial business by providing City services such as police protection
  - Reduces tax burden on residential properties by expanding the commercial tax base

## Proposed Annexation Priorities

- Avoid Annexation of existing residential neighborhoods
  - Residents may be opposed to annexation
  - Already developed, so growth/quality management not a factor
  - Usually revenue neutral

#### **Annexation Areas**

#### **BULVERDE CITY LIMITS**

Phases 1-11



## **Overall**























